

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 407  
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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. James M.  
Powers, Sr., to the Tennessee Higher Education  
Commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-201, provides for the  
establishment of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-204, further provides that the  
Governor shall appoint certain members to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist has appointed Dr. James M. Powers of Waverly,  
Tennessee to serve a term as a member on the commission; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powers practices dentistry in Waverly, Tennessee, with his son James,  
Jr. and an associate, Dr. Stacy Wilkerson; and

WHEREAS, he attended Austin Peay State University, Rhodes College and graduated  
from the University of Tennessee at Memphis with a Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree in 1951;  
and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powers served two years overseas during the Korean Conflict with the  
United States Army Dental Corps; and

WHEREAS, his exemplary career in public service includes meritorious service as  
mayor of Waverly, Tennessee for twenty years and as the president of the Tennessee Municipal  
League in 1974; and

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WHEREAS, he was a charter member of the Mid-Cumberland Council of Governments, Mid-Cumberland Development District, and the Highland Rim Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powers is a member of the Presbyterian Church, The Rotary Club, and he was named a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powers previously served as the chairman of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, which oversees the funding of the state's colleges, universities, and vocational-technical schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Powers is active in various professional organizations, including the Nashville Dental Society, the Tennessee Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, and he is a Fellow of The American College of Dentists; and

WHEREAS, he is married to the former Helen Hill of Franklin, Tennessee and they have four children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James Powers, Sr. is an exemplary citizen of high ethical standards. He will competently execute the duties of the commission and offer his sagacious advice on matters concerning the funding of higher education in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. James M. Powers of Waverly, Tennessee to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.